

## DECORATION DAY SERVICES AND PARADE WERE THE BEST EVER

Several Hundred People Marched to Cemetery Monday Afternoon—Herbert Hess Delivered Address

The Decoration Day parade and services of Monday were the most beautiful ever witnessed in the city of Plymouth. The parade led by the Plymouth band, followed by Company I, under Captain Johnson, the Miles H. Tibbitts post of the G. A. R. and Women's Relief Corps, and finally the school children from the lower grades of the public school. The services were held at the Methodist church after which the column reformed and marched to Oak Hill. After the services at Oak Hill, a salute of three volleys was fired by Company I, and the graves of the departed ones were decorated. The address of the day was delivered by Herbert E. Hess, at the Methodist church who spoke as follows:

During the eight-four years from Washington to Lincoln the black man had not been considered as of the people, for, of, and by whom the government had been established with the immortal Declaration of Independence as its Magna Charta of sovereignty declaring in its preamble that "all men are created equal with inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." During these years the federal armies had been called to face, with an occasional local and transient exception, on external or savage foes. Party spirit, it is true, had frequently run high, and hurled defiance at law and its administrators, and at times the strain upon the ship of state seemed near to proving its destruction; but forbearance, compromise, fraternity and patriotism smoothed the rough waves of contention and peace reigned her benign sway. But at last, the long existing and bitter antagonism of opinion between the North and the South on the subject of the black man and his condition in slavery, culminated in the inauguration of Abraham Lincoln as president in 1861. In vain did President Lincoln declare in his inaugural address his opposition to any interference with slavery in the states where it existed. In vain were assurances to the same effect proffered by the party that had just triumphed in the presidential contest, in vain were conferences and consultations held by leading statesmen and politicians of different sections, with a view to avert the calamity of a civil war. Intent on a separate national existence, under which they might maintain unmolested as well as extend the institution of slavery, the Southern states recalled their senators and representatives from Congress, and flung out the banner of secession.

Lincoln said, "Our popular government has often been called an experiment. Two points in it, our people have already settled. The successful establishing and the successful administering of it. One still remains its successful maintenance against a formidable internal attempt to overthrow it. It is now for them to demonstrate to the world that those who can fairly carry an election can also suppress a rebellion; that ballots are the rightful and peaceful successors of bullets, and that when ballots have fairly and constitutionally decided there can be no successful appeal back of ballots; that there can be no successful appeal except to ballots themselves at succeeding elections. Such will be the great lesson of peace, teaching men that what they cannot take by an election neither can they take it by a war, teaching all the folly of being the beginners of a war." These words of Lincoln were unheeded and the contest for the successful maintenance of our government was begun on a beautiful spring morning in April 1861, in a civil war the extent, duration and horrors of which have never been paralleled in any age or among any people since the world began.

I know that complaint is made that the minds of children and of men are saturated with the talk of war. Yes that is true, but it is the war of the bread line, the war to keep body and soul together, the war for social prestige, the war for industrial and political power, it is the war of the wheat kings, the steel kings, the beef kings or other kings of the industrial world waging bloodless because they are heartless battles to pile their gold as high as Osian on Pellion and to keep enthroned the tyrannical, brutal and inhuman god of Mammon. Surely it is well that on this Memorial day we divert the minds of children and men from

this industrial warfare to the battles of men who fought for the enthronement of the Goddess of Peace and the Union. As a result of their battles a noble army of martyrs is born on the army rolls as the killed and missing. A silent army of noble men 500,000 strong who answered promptly, valiantly and patriotically the call of their country. They lie today in soldier graves along the Potomac, the Rappahannock, the James, the Cumberland, the Tennessee, in unknown graves and trenches, in the woods and the swamps, in the great National cemeteries, in public and private burying grounds, many whose names are only known in the hearts of those they left behind at home.

The debt which we of this generation owe to the men who wore the blue increases as the blessings of liberty, happiness, and prosperity increase. Money can never pay their debt. The principle is of the blood of noble, courageous, self-sacrificing, patriotic manhood. Let this be an interest paying day and let the interest be a spirit of Americanism which knows no sectionalism, such as was seen when the sons of the men who wore the blue and the sons of the men who wore the gray marched shoulder to shoulder under old glory, and lighted the lamp of liberty over Cuba. Let this interest be an Americanism that will be an all embracing patriotism filling us with love of home, love of country, a love of God and the spirit of peace on earth, good will toward men, a peace which will bring with it the hum of industry, the laughter of happiness and paeans to a merciful and bounteous God.

No country has done more for the soldier than our country and what the country has done for you soldiers, you have deserved. Our highest tribute is—Our country, the beacon light of liberty for the oppressed of all the world. With education and morality in our homes, with loyalty to the underlying principles of free government in our hearts, with law and justice fostered and exemplified by those entrusted with public administration, we should bequeath to our posterity the inheritance left us by the soldiers living and dead whom we honor today, secure in the respect of mankind and in the gracious favor of Almighty God. Each soldier's name shall shine untarnished on the rolls of fame. And stand the example of each distant age. And add new luster to the historic page.

**Plymouth Girl Marries.**  
Miss Frances Isabella Stuller, daughter of Mrs. A. J. Stuller, formerly of this city, now a resident of Mishawaka, was united in marriage to W. D. Georgeson, at Douglas, Arizona, Saturday morning.

The bride is a graduate of the Mishawaka High School of the class of 1905 and had been teaching school in Douglas, Arizona, but been spending her summers at home in Mishawaka.

The groom's parents reside in St. Paul, Minn. He is an electrical engineer and is employed by the El Paso & Santa Fe West, etc. railroad.

Following a wedding breakfast at the Plaza hotel, Mr. Georgeson and bride left for St. Paul, Minn. They will be at home at Douglas, Ariz., after July 25.

**Want \$1 Pension.**  
The Ex-Soldiers' and Sailors' Association of Indiana with headquarters in Elkhart, is sending endorsements to the Indiana senators and representatives of the bill introduced in the house by Rep. Cullip asking for a pension of \$1 per day for all soldiers of the Mexican and Civil wars who were honorably discharged. It is asserted that every G. A. R. Post in Indiana will pass resolutions soliciting the support of the Indiana senators and representatives for the bill.

**Eclipse of the Moon.**  
June 3 if the sky is clear, there will be an unusual opportunity to witness an eclipse of the moon. The phenomenon will be visible in the greater portion of the United States. Soon after sunset the moon will rise eclipsed. There will be another eclipse during June and there will be a partial eclipse of the sun on June 17, just before sunset.

## DROPPED DEAD IN WAGON SHOP

JOHN LONG AGED WAGON MAKER EXPIRES AT 9:14 A. M. SATURDAY.

Fell From Chair in Which he was Sitting Without a Sound.

John Long, a wagonmaker, aged about 62 years, dropped dead in the office of Ringgenberg and Cullison Wagon Shop, on Center street, at 9:14 a. m. Saturday. He has no living relatives. Long has been troubled with heart disease for many years and frequently had spells with his heart while at work. This morning while A. E. Massena was working on the second floor of the shop he heard a dull heavy sound, like a falling body. Massena hurried down stairs, and found Long lying on his back, just as he had fallen from the chair. No cry, or word had escaped the stricken man. When Massena had reached his side, the workman was already dead. The coroner was called and the body removed to undertaking rooms.

John Long has resided in this city for about fifteen years. He has been a boarder at the residence of Peter Ulrich. He has been employed at the Ringgenberg and Cullison wagon shop, for about four years.

## PROSPECTS FLATTERING.

The prospects of a bounteous crop of all kinds was never more flattering than now is in evidence in this section of the state. The rains have been in sufficient quantity to give growing vegetation a most propitious start. In the fruit line, apples will be a scarce article this year. Here and there we hear of the late apples being a fair crop. The early bloom of the strawberries, where they were not protected by covering, was cut short by frost and cold weather. The late berries will furnish a bountiful supply. If present indications for potatoes do not fail to materialize, the high price of the past few years will be knocked into a cocked hat, as every where comes the report of splendid prospects. Grapes seem to have evaded the late frost and the bloom seems as good as that of last year.

## Made Many Enemies.

That Albert J. Hopkins was not the sort of a man to whom men would become warmly attached is indicated by the fact that there was great rejoicing in his own town, Aurora, when the fact became known that he had finally been defeated for re-election. Prior to his election as senator six years ago, Hopkins was one of the most popular congressmen in Illinois. As senator he seems to have made many enemies, although on the popular vote as candidate for re-election he led his competitors by many thousands. "The people" seemed to be for him, but the legislators whom "the people" also elected, don't seem to have been inclined that way.

## ODD FELLOWS GROWING.

Report of Grand Secretary Indicates a Gradual Gain in Membership.

The report of the secretary of the grand lodge J. O. O. F., of Indiana, showed that the number of lodges December 31, 1908 was 754 and that the total membership at that time was 76,366, a net gain during the preceding six months of 32, and a net gain for the year of 1,407. The report showed that the total relief for the term ending December 31, 1908, was \$142,135.04, and the total for the year ending the same time was \$311,849.29. The report of the treasurer of the receipts and disbursements of the grand lodge funds for the term ending April 30, 1909, showed that the total amount received from the grand secretary during that time was \$28,550.58. The balance on hand May 1, 1909, was \$13,362.29.

## Miss Humrichouser Returns.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Humrichouser went to South Bend Tuesday, to meet their daughter, Lois, who has returned from Boston, where she has been attending school. She has been confined in the hospital for the past eleven weeks with scarlet fever. Her recovery has been very slow, and her return to Plymouth is welcomed by her many friends.

## Woman Faints on Street.

Mrs. Nelson Haynes residing five miles northeast of Bourbon, came to the city this afternoon with other Bourbon people, and while walking on the street fell to the pavement in a faint and received a sharp bruise on the head by the fall. She was taken into Shadel's drug store and was cared for by Dr. Stephens. The woman laid unconscious for an hour.

## PLYMOUTH ORCHESTRA

Has Made Wonderful Improvement Under Direction of Chas. Parreant of South Bend

The Plymouth Orchestra has secured the services of Charles J. Parreant, violinist, director and composer of South Bend, to conduct the body of musicians. Mr. Parreant will meet with the local organization one night each week. The orchestra now consists of a full orchestra of fourteen pieces, consisting of four violins, viola, violin cello, bass viol, piano, two cornets, two clarinets, trombone and trap drums. Mr. Parreant has been directing the orchestra for the High School commencement, music for which is to be furnished by the Plymouth organization. The orchestra is working on some excellent numbers, and the music bids fair to be the best ever furnished at a local commencement.

## Henry Takes the Cake.

Henry township Fulton county claims the prize absent-minded man. He went out to his barn to milk a cow, and without thinking, drew his milking stool up to a male in the next stall. His wife will do the milking until he fully recovers.

## BAR PASSES RESOLUTIONS

LAWYERS RECALL GOOD DEEDS OF DECEASED MEMBER.

Marshall Circuit Court Adjourned Saturday Afternoon Until Sept. Session.

The Marshall Circuit Court adjourned this afternoon, for the summer recess, and will not convene until September. Judge Bernetha goes to Rochester, where the May term of that court begins Monday.

The members of the Marshall county bar passed resolutions on the death of their fellow member, the late ex-Senator John W. Parks, this morning. All of the lawyers present made speeches eulogizing their departed brother.

## CONVENTION OF REFORMED CHURCH ADJOURNED THURSDAY

Successful Meeting of Sunday School Convention, St. Joseph Classes and Women's Missionary Society Closes

Officers Elected. Class—Pres. Rev. H. S. Gekeler, Indianapolis, Cor. Sec. Rev. A. J. Michaels, Culver, Ind.; Treas. Benj. Ashbacher, Bluffton, Ind.; Standing Clerk, Rev. F. Ware, White Pigeon, Mich. Sunday School Convention—Pres. O. P. Vance, Culver, Ind.; Vice Pres. Alvin J. Snyder, Three Rivers, Mich.; Secy. Miss Emma Wells, Colon Mich. Treasurer, Mrs. Akerman, Indianapolis, Ind. Woman's Missionary Society—Pres. Mrs. A. Simons, Bluffton, Ind. Vice Pres. Mrs. J. C. Smith, Plymouth, Ind.; Rec. Secy., Mrs. H. S. Gekeler, Indianapolis, Ind.; Treas., Mrs. Liekland, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Cor. Secy. Mrs. Benjamin Ashbacher, Bluffton, Ind.

The thirty-seventh annual session of the St. Joseph Classis of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed church, convened in this city Tuesday evening, at St. Paul's Reformed church, at 7:30 o'clock. The classis adjourned at 4:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The fifteenth annual Sunday School convention met Monday morning and adjourned Tuesday evening.

The twenty-first annual convention of the Woman's Missionary Society met Wednesday morning and adjourned Thursday. This triple convention of this district or synod of the Reformed church, was attended by a large delegation representing parishes in Indiana, Michigan and Ohio. An average of between eighty and one hundred have been in attendance, since the opening of the convention. The Woman's Missionary convention was held in the Presbyterian church, while the Classis was in session at the Reformed church.

Before adjournment it was voted to hold the convention next year at Mulberry, Ind. Sunday School Convention. The following is the program for the Sunday school convention, which met Monday morning, and adjourned Tuesday evening.

Monday Evening, May 24th, '09, 7:30 o'clock. Anthem Choir St. Paul's church Devotional Services. Rev. H. Diefenbach, Bluffton, Address of Welcome. Miss Gladys Hoover, Plymouth, Indiana. "Our Public Schools and Our Sunday Schools" Rev. P. Moerdyke, D. D., South Bend, Ind. Anthem Choir. Announcements Enrollment. Tuesday Morning—9 o'clock. Devotional Services. Rev. J. P. Bachman, Mulberry, Ind. "The Bible in the Sunday School" Mr. F. S. Fry, Fulton, Mich. The Scholar. 1.—The Boy Problem 2.—The Girl Problem. Rev. C. A. Albright, Athens, Mich. 3.—Where Decision Day is not observed, how best can we bring scholars to a decision for Christ? The School. Class Organization. Mr. Alvin Snyder, Three Rivers, Mich. Where only one can be had, which is preferable, a library or Weekly Leaflets? Rev. F. Ware, White Pigeon, Mich. Mission Work in the Sunday School. Miss Anna Wells, Colon, Mich. Classification and Graduation. The Object of the Sunday School hour, or how to get enough tissue for the lesson. Mr. C. G. Greiner, Plymouth How to secure regularity in attendance: teacher, scholar. Appointment of Committees. Tuesday Afternoon, 1:30 o'clock Devotional Services. Rev. C. G. Beaver, Colon, Mich. Sunday School Evangelism. Rev. H. S. Gekeler, Indianapolis Teachers and Officers. Teachers' Training Class in the Sunday School. Rev. P. H. Weaver, Bluffton

## BANKERS TO CONVENE

Thirteenth District Meeting to be Held at Rochester Ind., on June 10.

The annual meeting of bankers of the Thirteenth Congressional district will convene in Rochester, June 10. All arrangements for the meeting have not been made and district chairman O. B. Smith of Rochester is now busy completing plans for the meeting.

At present it is not known whether the guests, about fifty in number will be entertained in Rochester or at Lake Manitou. However this question will be settled in the very near future.

The purpose of the meeting is for the general discussion of business interests of bankers and the business is always combined with pleasure, the latter which is by no means a small part of the program.

Among those present will be the officers of the State Bankers' association and a number of representatives from Indianapolis banks.

## Sailor Confesses He is Romancer.

James Small, of Maine, a seaman on the Russian bark Lochce, who was arrested at Freckle's stand, Sweden, on the arrival there recently of the Lochce, because of an alleged confession to Captain Stillman that he participated with Mrs. E. E. Guinness in the murders which were committed on the Gunne's farm last year, was examined before a judge in a court.

Small asserted that the story he told the captain was untrue. He said he read of the Guinness sensation in the newspapers and invented the details of the story which he confessed to the captain including the names of alleged victims, with the purpose of being discharged from duty on the bark. He said that when the murders were committed he was a soldier in Portland, Me.

The judge who heard the statement of Small believes that he is insane. Small will not be prosecuted, but will be sent to the United States.

Captain Stillman says that Small told him that he received \$500 for his share in the crimes and that he named two men, Campbell and Davidson, as having assisted Mrs. Guinness.

## SENIORS HEAR CLASS SERMON

WAS DELIVERED AT ST. THOMAS EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. W. S. Howard Drew Sermon From Exemplary Life of St. Andrew.

St. Thomas church was filled to overflowing with the congregation that assembled Sunday evening last to hear the sermon by the rector, Rev. W. S. Howard, to the graduating class of the High School and their friends. At 7:30 p. m. the organist Miss Hoham played a beautiful march on the pipe organ, then the vested choir marched up the main aisle singing an inspiring hymn and were followed by the students in cap and gown and the faculty, who occupied seats reserved for them before the pulpit. The beautiful musical service of evening prayer of the Episcopal church followed the processional hymn, including a fine anthem by the choir and several stirring hymns in which the whole congregation joined; then came the sermon to the graduates.

Mr. Howard took as his text, St. John 1:40. He took the life of St. Andrew as a personal example of two qualities that should be found in all our lives, should be found truly in life. The two notable things about St. Andrew were his manliness and his service. The rector dwelt upon the name of St. Andrew, which itself means "manly," and he said that man was endowed with personality, with a mind that enabled him to think the thoughts of God, with aesthetic, social, moral and spiritual properties akin to God's nature. Probably, said the preacher, the Greek word for Andrew, indicated that man was the "upward looking one." For man rose high above the brutes when he lived up to his possibilities and his destiny. It was maintained that the manly qualities of St. Andrew were seen in that he was a worker with his hands, as he followed the trade of a fisherman. The graduates were told that labor was dignified and all ought to be workers, manual or mental. It was also stated that St. Andrew was broad-minded, since he it was who, with Philip, brought the Greeks to Christ. All were urged to be broad-minded and sympathetic towards all men, and not to be afraid to think. Then the point was made that St. Andrew was manly in morals. He was not afraid to be known as a follower of St. John the Baptist. The rector urged upon his hearers that there were many moral victories yet to be won; and that the graduates should aim to be clean and noble in life and to win others to the same life. Finally, as a proof of his manliness it was stated that St. Andrew became a Christian. He lived in communion with God.

The second topic was the service of St. Andrew. The preacher held that "servant" and "service" were terms that Christianity had ennobled, and where they once meant degradation, they now indicated the noblest occupation one could have. From lowly service we are called to higher, as was St. Andrew. None of us is too great for any service, we had better fear lest we get into too large a place to fill it. St. Andrew first served the Baptist, then Christ. Here he learned to serve his own family, then the whole world. The class were told to serve their parents and relatives who no doubt have made sacrifices to give them an education. They were to serve in all their callings their fellow men and God, following not only St. Andrew but Christ, the manliest man that ever lived.

Those present will long remember the inspiring service and the practical and earnest sermon that Rev. W. S. Howard preached to the graduates. Following the offering and closing prayers and benediction the choir marched out singing "Onward, Christian soldiers" and were followed by the class into the parish house.

## We Can Breathe Easy.

A newly discovered comet which is flying through space at the rate of many million miles a minute may be seen by the naked eye after sunset any evening on the southwestern horizon according to Edward F. Nauty, an astronomer who confirmed the discovery of the comet on Monday by Prof. Wm. R. Brooks, of Hobart College, Geneva, N. Y. The astronomers agree that there is no danger of a collision with the earth.

## Called to Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hammel of this city, were called to St. Marys Ohio, by the death of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Schultz. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz were residents of this city at one time and about twelve years ago removed from here to Ohio.

## THREE DAYS' TOURNAMENT OF RACING AND BALL GAMES

Half Mile in 1:08 1-4 Was Best Done—Clippers Win Two Games Lose One

The first horse racing on the Plymouth race track, in fifteen years, was held Saturday afternoon, when seven heats, between thirteen local horses, which had been divided into three classes, were held. The heats were half mile each, and mark the beginning of a series of tournaments in this city, with the ultimate hope of re-establishing the Plymouth Fair, which has not been held for twenty years, and of which in years gone by, this city was so justly proud.

A total of 1320 paid admissions were received at the gate of the Driving park Saturday. Besides the horse racing, a ball game and balloon ascension were given. The Ball game was between the

## IS "SOUSED TO THE GILLS"

LAPORTE COUNTY GIVES BANNER MAJORITY OF 4577 TO WETS.

Liberals Carry Every Precinct in Michigan City and All But Two in LaPorte.

LaPorte, Ind., May 27.—The hardest set-back the anti-saloon of Indiana has had since it began its campaign to make the state dry was received in LaPorte county today, when the county went wet by a majority of more than 4,000.

The official figures show the total majority for the wets to be 4,577. Less than 12,000 votes were cast, so that the wet majority is greater than the total number of dry votes cast.

The city of LaPorte with a population of 11,000 gave a wet majority of 2,169, while LaPorte Center township made the majority 1,240. Michigan City with a population of 20,000 gave a wet majority of 2,930, while Michigan City and Michigan township gave a wet majority of 3,030. The other 19 townships in the county gave a wet majority of 280, making the total 4,577. The wets carried every precinct in Michigan City and every precinct in LaPorte excepting two.

Of the 19 townships in the county 14 were carried by the wet and only seven by the dries.

## Result a Surprise.

The overwhelming majority of the wets was a complete surprise even to the wets themselves, for the most optimistic did not predict more than two thousand wet in the county. The wet vote in the county was a surprise, particularly to the dries, who counted on a majority of from 1,000 to 1,500 outside of LaPorte and Michigan City.

A perfect organization and plenty of money on the part of the business men's Liberal league and the Tax Payers league, under which names the wets conducted their organization are given as the reasons for the big victory of the wets.

## Feared for Business.

As a result of the victory the existence of 126 saloons and two breweries in LaPorte county is not affected.

In Michigan City fear of killing the town from a business standpoint and fear that it would lose its Chicago excursion business is credited with being the cause of that city giving such an overwhelming wet majority. Of the 3,653 votes cast in Michigan City and Michigan township the dries obtained only 616 votes.

## Saloons All Closed.

All the saloons in the county were closed tonight, the saloon keepers on their own accord deciding that it would be unwise to sell any liquors tonight, for such a wild time would ensue that they were fearful of the consequences.

As a result of the overwhelming victory of the wets in LaPorte county, anti-saloon leaders to-night predicted that no attempt would be made to vote dry either Lake or St. Joseph counties, the former containing Hammond and the latter South Bend.

## Editors to Meet.

The mid-summer meeting of the Democratic State Editorial Association will be held at Bloomington June 10 and 11 and Governor Marshall will make the principal address. The outing promises to be a very pleasant one and the attendance of democratic editors with their families promises to be general.

## Circus Men Converted.

F. Bushberry, a member of the Hagenbeck-Wallace circus band, was converted by the Salvation Army while in South Bend. He has left the show and will remain in South Bend, where he will follow his vocation as a painter and paper hanger and assist the army in its work.

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